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FM AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT OF SPAIN 1437

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, TD, XF

SUBJECT: GOTT STATEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST

REF: STATE 217523

1. GOTT HAS UNCHARACTERISTICALLY ISSUED OFFICIAL STATEMENT REAFFIRMING SUPPORT OF UN RESOLUTION 242 OF 1967 AND PRO-POSING THAT THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT BE ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NOVEMBER 21 CARICOM FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING. STATEMENT ALSO SUPPORTED RECOVERY OF FULL NATIONAL RIGHTS FOR THE PALESTINIANS.

2. TRINIDAD'S TWO OIL REFINERIES, WHICH PRODUCE LARGELY FOR THE U.S. MARKET, IMPORT ABOUT 80 PERCENT OF THEIR CRUDE REQUIREMENTS. WHILE SHELL (CAPACITY 100,000 BPD) PURCHASES ITS FOREIGN CRUDE FROM NIGERIA AND SOUTH AMERICA, TEXACO (CAPACITY 350,000 BPD) HAS BEEN IMPORTING ALMOST 40 PERCENT OF ITS NEEDS FROM SAUDI ARABIA. THE RECENT ARAB REDUCTIONS HAVE REPORTEDLY  
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FORCED TEXACO TO REDUCE ITS THROUGHPUT BY 10 PERCENT, AND

FURTHER REDUCTIONS MAY BE IN STORE. EVEN SHELL'S LOCAL OPERATIONS MIGHT BE AFFECTED SHOULD THE PARENT COMPANY DECIDE TO DIVERT ASSURED CRUDE SUPPLIES TO OTHER REFINERIES.

3. COMMENT: GOTT STATEMENT WAS CLEARLY SPARKED BY REDUCTIONS OF CRUDE OIL IMPORTS FROM ARAB STATES, AND CLOSELY PARALLELS STIPULATIONS FOR PREFERENTIAL OIL IMPORT STATUS REPORTEDLY LISTED BY SAUDI MIN STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS (STATE 217523). IN ADDITION, SIGNIFICANT CONSIDERATIONS BEHIND ISSUANCE OF STATEMENT MAY HAVE BEEN CONTINUED GOTT HOPES FOR MEMBERSHIP IN OPEC AND DESIRE TO REMAIN IN STEP WITH REST OF THIRD WORLD. DURING RECENT VISIT TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS, IRANIAN AMBASSADOR FARMAN-FARMAIAN REPORTEDLY COMMENTED THAT T&T MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION IS STILL BEFORE OPEC AND THAT IRAN WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT GOTT IN ITS ATTEMPTS TO OVERCOME IRAQI VETO.

4. TEXT OF STATEMENT FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM.  
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